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4 DUI Checkpoints Set for Thanksgiving Weekend

Dover – Four sobriety checkpoints are scheduled for the coming Thanksgiving weekend as part of Checkpoint Strikeforce campaign. The night before this holiday is a big night for impaired driving according to state and local law enforcement officers. The checkpoints are part of a weekend long enforcement blitz which help kick off the Office of Highway Safety's 13th annual Safe Family Holiday Campaign. Checkpoints will be supplemented with 135 additional DUI saturation patrols throughout the weekend by State, County and Municipal police agencies.

The following are the scheduled checkpoints for the holiday weekend:

Wednesday Nov. 23 rd	Wilmington - NcCo DUI Task Force
Thursday Nov. 24 th	Wilmington – NcCo DUI Task Force
Friday Nov. 25 th	Georgetown- Georgetown PD
Saturday Nov. 26 th	Clayton – Clayton PD

OHS encourages motorists to minimize distractions in their vehicles, buckle up, and slow down, particularly on the peak travel day of Wednesday as well as Black Friday and Saturday when many will be out shopping and may find themselves frustrated with additional traffic.

Last weekend, law enforcement officers statewide arrested 23 individuals for Driving Under the Influence (DUI) of alcohol (Nov. 18^h & 19th). This brings the total number of people arrested for DUI during the 2011 *Checkpoint Strikeforce* campaign to 279.

In addition to the weekend's 23 DUI arrests, officers issued 7 citations for underage drinking violations, apprehended 4 wanted individuals, made 15 drug arrests, 6 felony arrests, issued 8 seat belt citations, 1 child restraint citation, and 64 citations for various other traffic violations.

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